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 **Łukasz Piątak** December 1st 2014 at 14:57

Dear Wahid Azal,

Let me introduce myself: my name is Lukasz Piatak and I am a PhD Student in the field of Islamic Philosophy at Warsaw University, Poland

Since completing my MA thesis in 2010 I have been especially interested in the thought of Shihab al-Din al-Suhrawardi, the illuminationist.

In February of 2013 I have been awarded a grant from Polish National Research Centre that allows me to execute my research project that is devoted to preparing of critical edition of the Occult writings by Suhrawardi. The scope of the project contains Al-Waridat wa al-Taqdisat, as well as Munajat and enigmatic text entitled "Arba'una Isman Idrsiyya" that is often attributed to Suhrawardi al-Maqtol and exists in many versions around the Islamic World. I have already gathered 5 manuscripts that contain al-Waridat wa al-Taqdisat, some 5 of Munajat, as well as around 30 of "Forty Names". I collected the manuscripts from Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Vatican and tomorrow I am going to Germany for this sake. The main inspiration for me was the article of John Walbridge and at the time of planning I was not aware of any modern partial Iranian editions until I went there this summer and I bought a short book "Setayesh wa Nemayesh" edited by Mohammad Kamali. I know now about the lithography edition of mulla Sadra's glosses on the Qutb al-Din Shirazi's commentary on Hikmat al-Ishraq. I even found that there is another manuscript from the collection of Mishkat (Teheran) that probably contains some part of Al-Waridat wa al-Taqdisat. Being in Iran I had acces to that manuscripts and I saw that the single page that should contain this text was lost.

The news from Academia web account about Mohammad Kamali undertaking his project has really affected me, however somehow I anticipated it. Now I have to reconsider the value of my ongoing project.

Anyway, I am very happy to find someone who has deep intrests in Suhrawardi up to the point of really practising his teachings. I wish you succes and I hope we can stay in contact for sharing some thoughts and opinions about Suhrawardi and Islamic Philosophy/Mysticism.

We share the same texts. Are you in constant contact with Mr. Mohammad Kamali? I think we should know at least about our very existance.

Yours faithfully,
Łukasz Piatak

 **N. Wahid Azal** December 1st 2014 at 15:13

Dear Łukasz Piatak,

It is wonderful to hear from you. Please let us talk sometime. Maybe even skype.

I am especially interested in your critical edition of these texts of Suhrawardi's prayers. Would you be willing to share Pdfs or photocopies with me of the other MSS of these occult writings in your possession as well as your critical edition of the text so far? I am happy to comment or give any feedback, if you wish. As I have stated before on my blog, I only possess the Aya Sofia 2144 MS which I have made publicly available on scribd. I tried to get copies of the Topkapi MSS a few years ago but without much luck. If you have other MSS exemplars, I would really like to see them.

Sitayish va Niyash was done by Jalaluddin Mohammad Malaki. He was supposed to send me a copy of it, as well as his critical text of the occult prayers that is supposed to be part of his volume 10 of the 14 volume complete works of Suhrawardi. But I have not heard from him for over a year now and am wondering what the status of his project may be. Have you heard anything?

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Best regards
N Wahid Azal



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